

**ABSTRACT****PROCESS FOR THE PREPARATION OF ORGANIC COMPOUNDS  
CONTAINING A SULFINYL OR SULFONYL GROUP**

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A process for the oxidation of thioethers to sulfoxides or sulfones or for the oxidation of sulfoxides to sulfones by treatment of thioethers or sulfoxides with an oxidizing amount of  $\epsilon$ -phthalimidoperhexanoic acid is particularly useful for the preparation of compounds of industrial interest, in particular

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pharmaceuticals for human or veterinary use.